

**LOCAL AGENCY GIS GROUP
MINUTES
October 4, 1995**

1. Welcome and Introductions - Lisa Lubeley-Gooding

Introductions were conducted. A list of people attending is attached. Five cities within the San Diego region were represented including Chula Vista, Escondido, National City, San Diego and Santee. Other local agencies represented included County of San Diego, RUIS, Port of San Diego, SDSU and SANDAG.

Lisa Lubeley-Gooding explained why SANDAG organized such a meeting for the local agencies. It was expressed that the purpose of the meeting was to give the local agencies a forum to interact with each other and with SANDAG regarding GIS. She explained that in the first meeting it was decided that the group had a worthwhile purpose and that they should meet on a quarterly basis in the future. She also explained that SANDAG was interested in data sharing with the local jurisdictions and in making the SANDAG GIS databases more useful to local agencies.

2. Prehistoric and Historic Resource Information Center - Lynne Christenson

Lynne Christenson, Director and Coordinator of the Southern Coastal Information Center at SDSU, presented a discussion on her facility and their mapping project. She explained that the San Diego Center is one of eleven centers that make up the California Historical Resource Information System (CHRIS). There is an Office of Historic Preservation for the State of California that helps regulate the Historic Preservation Act of 1966, which says that each state must keep inventories and protect their historic resources in their state. This program is nationally monitored by the Department of the Interior and administered through the National Park System

There is a new definition of historical resources which now includes both historic (built structures) and prehistoric (archaeological sites) resources. The role of their facility is to provide record search information to consultants that perform surveys and write Environmental Impact Reports (EIRs). For site records she has both documentation and mapping data. The mapping data has exact location maps and site survey areas. Prehistoric site data is confidential and is the only information exempt from the Freedom of Information Act. They have over 14,000 archaeological site records and 5,000 built structure site data. They are in need of built structure information from the local jurisdictions.

The center is in the process of building a GIS for their historical resource data. They are seeking support from the local cities in the form of funding and information. They are in need of

approximately \$250,000 for data capture and implementation. They would be seeking a data partnership with the local jurisdictions and special districts to apply for federal grant money. Lynne is going to get together with Bob Parrott to draft a proposal to solicit a data partnership as described above. If there is enough local interest in a partnership, we may be able to broker local funds to get federal and state funding.

3. Status Report on Public Records Act Legislation - Bob Christopher

Bob Christopher, from the County Department of Public Works, gave a status report on some legislation that involves GIS data and technology. In terms of public access to GIS data, there seems to be two thoughts on this topic. Those who believe that all government data should be available to the public at no additional price. The other camp believes that GIS data development and maintenance costs should be recovered through the users of the data.

AB141 has been signed by the Governor and passed on to the Office of Information Technology to formalize. AB141 mandates that a public agency will not transfer information if it precludes future disbursement of the data. This apparently arose from a situation in which a County entered an agreement with a private company for the sole right to sell the data for profit.

AB142 and SB323 are in support of the camp that believes that GIS data should be available to the public for the cost of reproduction. There are several big groups opposed to this legislation. The County Recorders Association is the major lobbyist in this issue. Other groups opposed to the legislation include the City of San Diego, the County of San Diego and SANDAG. SB323 has passed the Senate and is now in the Assembly.

Other legislation discussed was the model legislation by the California Geographic Information Association. This is against the flow of the other proposed bills. This legislation aims to accomplish several objectives including a) creating a board and grant system for GIS in California; b) generates \$65 million in grants; and c) clarify ability to sell GIS. Requests for digital information would be categorized in one of two ways. The first category would be defined by requests from those individuals who were trying to keep government accountable for their service to its citizens. The other category would be defined by requests from companies to use the data for commercial use and profit. The legislation would propose that the first category could have access to data for costs of reproduction, but the second category would involve royalty rights to the government for data recovery and maintenance costs.

This model legislation is being supported by the San Diego County Board of Supervisors, along with direction to get a sponsor. It was suggested that all local agencies should take a look at this model legislation for possible support.

There is a World Wide Web site that allows users to subscribe to a bill and changes will be mailed out via e-mail. The site is: <http://sen.ca.gov>

4. Local Review Involvement in SANDAG Land Data Bases - Steve Kunkel

Steve discussed SANDAG's Regional Growth Forecast Process. He explained that SANDAG produces three regional data bases for forecasting future growth and these include: ownership, land use and planned land use coverages. He further explained our recent project of registering the above mentioned 1990 coverages to the RUIS land base. He also mentioned that we will be gearing up for the base year data development component of the next forecast (Series 9) by November of this year when the registration project is expected to be complete. The importance of having input from all the local agencies in the beginning of the update process was emphasized. As requested at the first meeting, a list of land use codes used by SANDAG for the Series 8 Growth Forecast were distributed.

It was noted that the regional SANDAG coverages contained more information than was displayed on the maps and that it would be helpful to have a list of the codes used to populate the data bases. It was also noted that local agencies have a need for a more detailed coding scheme and that it would be nice if we had a hierarchical coding system that could eventually be standardized throughout the county. This will be a future item for discussion.

Bob Parrott noted that there had already been requests by the cities of Lemon Grove and National City to update and reproduce their general plan maps using the land use data bases that had been realigned to the RUIS base map. We also are currently working with the City of Poway to do this. Requests that involve more work than can be provided under the Update Project can be done through the LTA program at SANDAG.

5. Status of Local Data Development Partnerships - Bob Parrott

Bob Parrott gave an update on the status of the current data development partnerships.

While 30 agencies initially expressed interest in working with the USGS to create Digital Orthophoto Quarter Quads (DOQQ) for the entire San Diego region, only twelve local agencies/jurisdictions committed funds for this partnership. The twelve partners were able to commit \$82,000 to make the partnership happen. The agreement should be signed in October of this year. The data is of flights taken in the summers of 1994 and 1995. The final deliverable product will be ready in early 1997.

SANDAG has received the 1995 SPOT satellite imagery for the SD region and the Tijuana River Valley watershed on behalf of a five agency partnership. The imagery has been passed along to SDSU's Geography department for processing. The five licensed partners (SANDAG, SDSU, County of San Diego, Caltrans, State Parks and Recreation) will receive digital data products. Later this year SANDAG will be creating false color plots with vector data and annotation for each USGS 7 1/2 minute quad in the regions. These quad plots or other satellite imagery plots can be obtained from SANDAG by local member agencies through the Local Technical Assistance (LTA) Program.

SDSU and USGS are working on the five agency partnership for creating digital files of the USGS 7 1/2 minute quad elevation contours. All quads will not be completed until August 1996. Some quads in the east county have been completed. SDSU is almost finished with the conversion of the SCS soils maps into digital files. SANDAG has provided assistance to SDSU

for the final fourteen quads. The sixty-seven SCS quads available for the SD region will be converted to digital files by November 1995.

Lisa Stapleton indicated that RUIS had received the FEMA flood map digital files.

6. Geography Showcase - Bob Parrott

The 3rd Annual Geography Showcase is scheduled for the week of November 13-16 at San Diego State University (Montezuma Hall). This is a week long event held in conjunction with National Geography Awareness Week. A poster display will be set up all week for viewing. A call for posters has been announced and there will be a contest with awards for five categories including Grand Showcase Award, Most Analytical, Most Artistic, Best Cartography, Most Integrative Use of Technology. If anyone needs a form please contact John Hofmockel at 595-5386. Other events during the week include the URISA meeting, APA meeting. Attendees of this meeting were encouraged to hold other professional meetings at the Showcase during that week. Local jurisdictions were encouraged to get the Showcase announcement on their local council agenda. Also scheduled for the week are an internet connection via NETSCAPE with preset bookmarks to GIS home pages and possibly demos of ARCVIEW.

7. GIS Applications Discussion - Lisa Lubeley-Gooding

Due to the mix up with the mailout of the agendas there was a poor response for demos of applications for this meeting. Next meeting we will try to arrange to have a demo setup. SANDAG has two ARCVIEW applications and RUIS has some as well.

6. Setup Next Meeting - Lisa Lubeley-Gooding

Lisa Stapleton of RUIS volunteered to host the next meeting. She offered to discuss their GIS K-12 program and the setup of a volunteer program. It was suggested that we discuss alternative forms of funding for local jurisdiction GIS programs. Also SANDAG will report back on the Land Use Coding Scheme standardization.